WHY ACCEPT ISLAAM

All Praise is due to Allaah, our Creator, Nourisher and Provider. Peace and Blessings be upon all the Ambiyaa (A.S.) and upon the last and final Rasul (Messenger) - Muhammad (S.A.W.). Peace and blessings upon his companions who accepted and propagated DEEN (religion) to the entire world.

THE NEED FOR RELIGION.

Man has been imbued with Aql (intelligence). Whenever any person is given an extra benefit there arises a corresponding responsibility. A poor person, for example does not have to pay as much tax and nor does he have as many obligatory duties such as the giving of alms etc., as the rich man.

Whenever a person with the extra benefit (in this case, money), refuses to acknowledge the responsibility that go with it, then the results are horrendous . This can clearly be seen when those who have refused to use their wealth responsibly, become engulfed in all the trappings of luxury which result in many vices such as adultery, divorce suicide and even murder .

Man, when compared to other mammals,has been endowed with a superior intelligence. This enables him to distinguish between right and wrong . If he refuses to do so, the evil consequences are far greater and more catastrophic than when an animal behaves irresponsibly. This is so because animals have a limited amount of intelligence and therefore their capability to do harm is equally inferior, and they do not have the intelligence to connive as well as man can . Have you, for example heard of an animal manufacturing alcohol,selling it to others and, despite observing the harmful effects thereof,still advertising it through every possible media ?. This is why the need for religion exists. Now we shall prove why this religion has got to be Islaam, thus answering the question : "WHY AM I A MUSLIM" as well as "WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE ISLAAM AS MY RELIGION. ?"

WHY ISLAAM ?.

What many modernists do not understand is that man is not an animal and therefore it does not behove him to behave as if he were. Total freedom, for example, is one aspect which receives a lot of attention by those who compete with animals in their quest for freedom. When even animals conform to certain laws of the jungle, man wishes to go one step backwards,insult his own intelligence and desire complete freedom to do as he wills. This is looking a gift-horse in the mouth . Surely we owe it to the One Who has created us to use this great gift of intelligence to elevate our position in life.

These days, every group firmly believes that they are on the correct course. No one is prepared to give up their heroes, lifestyles and even their style of dress for anything different. The important question of which way of life to choose cannot be answered without many other questions being answered. In this booklet, we hope to answer these questions. Let us begin with the following example.

Four blind persons were brought to an elephant. They touched it, each one at a different place. The one touching the stomach said that this was a huge round drum. The one who held the trunk said that it was a long slimy stick. The next, who gripped the leg said that it was a pillar and the last one, who felt the ear, said that it was a huge leaf. Each one of them thought that what he had felt was a whole elephant, until someone who could see informed them that what they had felt

collectively, was the elephant and that each of them had only felt one part of the whole.

Similarly - many people who can see - will not be able to give the correct information if they are placed in a pitch black room.

The blind person's inability to give proper information is because he lacks the internal light to see. The person who has sight, cannot do so if there is a lack of external light (i. e. darkness).

From this, we understand that for correct, valid and total information to be gained, both internal and external light is essential. Similarly two beacons are essential for spiritual guidance :-

Islaam recognises that intelligence has to be guided, and therefore Allaah has prescribed that WAHI (divinely protected inspiration) has to be present to guide Intelligence .

1) Sahih Aql (intelligence which is guided correctly.),and
2) Wahi (divinely protected inspiration).

It should be remembered that intelligence will always be guided by inspiration and not vice versa, because Deen (religion) is based on Wahy (inspiration) and not on intelligence alone.

THE ONLY UNIVERSAL RASUL (PROPHET - MESSENGER)

From the time of Adam to Muhammad (upon all be peace and salutations) prophets came, preached and left this world. Some prophets came to a village or town. Others to a greater area or province. Religious history also records that there were contemporary prophets who came to different areas at the same time, and sometimes even more than one prophet preached in the same area at the same time. The reason for the above was because these prophets were not sent for the whole of mankind but for a specific group of people only.

Messengers were undoubtedly sent to all groups of people,as stated in the Qur'aan:-

1) "and when Isa (Jesus) son of Mary said, 'O children of Israel, Lo I am the messenger of Allaah unto you. ". (61/6).

2) "And for every nation there is a messenger. " (10/48).

3) "And verily We have raised in every nation a messenger. " (10/48).

4) "Lo we sent Noah to his people. " (71/1).

5) "And to the (tribe of) Aad,(We sent) their brother Hud . " (7/65).
6) "And to the (tribe of) Thamud, (We sent) their brother Saaleh. " (7/73).

7) "Verily, We sent before thee (O Muhammad) messengers to their own folk. They brought clear proofs (of Allaah's Sovereignty). (13/7).

The many prophets who came were received differently. Some were followed by a tribe, others by a family and some had just a handful of people who accepted and followed them. Some prophets had even fewer followers than this and yet others had only one individual who heeded their call.

None of these righteous pious prophets made a claim that he was sent for the whole universe except Muhammad (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam), who was the only prophet who stated clearly that he had been sent for the entire creation, and for all mankind.

In fact, nowhere in the Injeel (lit. Prophecy), Zabur (Psalms /Hymns) or the Touraat (Lit. fire) is it mentioned that any of the prophets to whom they were revealed, were for all mankind.

We read in the Noble Qur'aan that Allaah (God) is 'Rabbul - Aalameen (Sustainer of the worlds), and Muhammad is described as 'Rahmatul - lil - Aalameen' (Mercy of the worlds). This means - for everybody - for the entire creation - for all mankind.

The Qur'aan also states to Muhammad (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam),

" You have been sent for the entire creation as a giver of glad tidings and a warner. "(34/27).

Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) himself has stated:

"I have been sent for the entire mankind. "

Compared to this, there is no place in the Bible (both in the Injeel and the Touraat) where it is stated that any other prophet came for the whole of mankind. Isa (A. S.) - Jesus - clearly mentions that he came only for the Bani Israeel,**(a specific group of people).**

In the bible it is stated that :-

". . and behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried," O Lord,son of David, my daughter is severely possessed by a demon". . . . . and he answered, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. "**and when she insisted on being helped, he answered,**"It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs. . . . .** (Matthew 15 - 21-26). In Matthew 7 - 6 it is stated;-

"Do not give dogs what is holy,and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you. "

Even more clearly in Matthew 10 - 5:-
"These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "**Go nowhere among the gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. . . . . . . ".**

This is the main reason that Jesus is depicted in many of the pictorial bibles as a shepherd tending to a flock of sheep-(of the house of Israel).

This proves that Jesus (A.S.) was sent for a specific set of people only. In fact all prophets before Muhammad (S. A. W.) were sent for a specific area, group or tribe. Moses , (Moosa A. S.) was sent to his people. Abraham and Ishmael (Ibraahim and Ismaeel A. S.) were sent to specific tribes and Jesus (Isaa A. S.), was likewise sent to a particular group (the Israelites). All these prophets were seasonal . They blossomed in their time and they fulfilled the command of their Creator, Allaah . Then another prophet was sent to continue until the complete religion with all the rules for every minute action of man was sent to Nabi Muhammad (S. A. W.).

The Qur'aan states :-

1) "And We have not sent you (Muhammad), but as a bringer of glad tidings and as a warner **unto All mankind**, but most of mankind know not. " (34/28).

2) "And We have not sent you save as a mercy to **the world.** " (21/107)

3) "Say : (O Muhammad) O mankind,Lo! I am the Rasul (messenger) of Allaah **to you all**. " (7/58).

4) "Verily this is a message to **all the worlds.** " (81/27).

5) "We have sent you (Muhammad) as a messenger **to mankind** and Allaah is sufficient as a witness. " (4/79).
6) "He it is Who has sent His messenger with the Guidance and the Deen (religion) of Truth and He made it **prevail over all religions.** " (48/28).

7) "Say, O People, definitely I am a Rasul of Allaah **to every one of you.** " (7/158).

WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT THUS FAR:-

1) Jesus (Christianity) was only for the house of Israel.
2) During his time, preaching to anyone other than the people of Israel, is like throwing pearls before swines , and throwing bread to the dogs.
3) Muhammad (S. A. W.) was sent for all mankind and he was thus a universal prophet

The above is manifest proof of the fact that Jesus was not sent for all people and for all times.

Now it is time to look at the only surviving, divinely protected and inspired scripture - the Qur'aan itself.

THE QUR'AAN

The logical action from the seeker of truth is naturally to find the proof of prophethood. What is the proof that he (Muhammad S. A. W.) is indeed a messenger?

Let us liken this to the following inquiry. The answer to the question "who made shoes, hats, spectacles etc. ?" is "man". When asked "who made the feet hands and face of a human being or animal?" is "Allaah".

From this we deduce that those things which can be produced and reproduced in the thousands, can be made by man, but the creator of those things which are original and of which no exact replica can be made by human beings, is Allaah. As beautifully challenged in the Qur'aan :-

"If the entire world were to gather,they would not produce the wing of a mosquito. ".

Challenges have been made to the literary experts of those whose mother tongue was Arabic and whose love for poetry and eloquence far exceeded what we see today, to produce ten aayats, or a short verse of the Noble Qur'aan, and upto date this challenge has not been met.

This proves that since nothing can be made to be similar to the Qur'aan by man,it must necessarily be the Word of the All Mighty Himself.

Many such proofs can be found in the Qur'aan itself.

Allaah Himself says :-

1) "And if you are in doubt as to that which We revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it and call upon your helpers besides Allaah, if you are truthful. " (2/23).

2) "Or do they say 'he forged it,?'. Say :Bring then a surah (verse) like it and call (to your help) anyone you can besides Allaah, if you are truthful . " (10/38).
(The smallest verse contains three sentences.).

3) "Or they may say, 'he invented it himself. ' Say "produce ten surahs like it and call (to your help) whomsoever you will, other than Allaah, if you are truthful. " (11/13).

4) "No falsehood can approach it from before or behind it. It is sent down by One, All Wise and worthy of All Praise. " (41/42).

5) "Were men and Jinn to combine to produce something like the Qur'aan,they could not do so even if they aid each other. " (17/88).

6) "Definitely We have sent down the Zikr (Qur'aan) and We Surely are it's protectors (Custodian, Guardian) . (15/9).

7) "Had the Qur'aan been a discourse other than Allaah's, then they would have found in it, many incongruities and contradictions. (4-81)

8) "This Book, there is no doubt in it. " (2/2).

A MIRACLE

Secondly, the miracle of Ibraahim (Abraham)-A. S. being thrown into the fire which cooled for him,can be narrated and heard but it cannot be seen. Similarly, the miracles of Moosa (Moses) A. S. whose staff, through the will of the All Mighty, turned into a snake and split the waters of the ocean for him and his followers to pass through, can also be spoken about but it cannot be seen. Jesus (Isa A. S.) healed the lepers, the blind, etc., and this too can be heard and was only seen in it's time but cannot be seen any more.

All these miracles happened with the will and the command and the permission of Allaah. In fact, whenever a prophet was asked by the people for proof of his prophethood, then the prophets, by the will of the All - Mighty, was made to display a miracle. One of the main proofs which Allaah showed through Muhammad (S. A. W.) is the Qur'aan . Note that we say IS and not WAS when describing this miracle . The wonder and the beauty of this proof is that it's eloquence and illumination did not last for a few minutes, days or months,BUT remains with us upto the present day and will continue to remain for the generations to come There are many ways of looking at it, and the brilliance of the Qur'aan has shone through no matter which way one looks at it .

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT THUS FAR :-

1) The Qur'aan remains - a Book which cannot be tempered with because it can be seen, touched and felt and lies in the hearts of people (men, women, and children) and can therefore never be destroyed even if it's pages are burnt. This can only be a miracle of Him Who wants it to remain as proof of that which it contains and amongst these things is the continued emphasis of Muhammad (S. A. W.) being the final messenger for all mankind.

2) It is a book which was not compiled nor diluted with the subjectivity of man. It is directly inspired by Allaah.

3) Another undeniable trait of the Divine influence is that it comes not as a contradiction to that which the previous pious prophets came down to declare but rather as a confirmation of them. Present day Jews do not accept Isa (Jesus)A. S. as a prophet and neither do present day Christians accept Muhammad (S. A. W.) as a prophet. Muslims over all the ages have never denied that both Moses and Jesus (A. S.) were prophets,in fact all the prophets from Adam (A. S.) were sent by Allaah for the purpose of enlightening certain groups of individuals.

Having proved the above, from the Qur'aan and the sayings of the Prophet (S. A. W.), we wish to quote an interesting chapter from the Bible itself, called :-

THE PROMISE

The last Israelite prophet,Isa (Jesus) A. S. promised his people the arrival of a comforter .

" If Ye love me, keep my commandments , and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever ". (John 14/15/16).

Referring to the completion of scriptures and the exposition of all truths by Muhammad (S. A. W.), to his prophecies and to his revelation, Isa (A. S.) observed, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now . Wait, when he, the spirit of truth,is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak for himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come, (John 12/13).

And again :-

" I will rise up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all,that I shall command him . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not harken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him ". (Deuteronomy 18 : 18/14).

The expression ' their brethren ' in the verse refers to the children of Ismail, who are the brethren of the Israelites.

A FEW RELEVANT OBSERVATIONS .

1) Every other scripture has undergone changes. The bible is admittedly not the word of Allaah but the writ of the disciples and this too has undergone such tremendous change that it takes not a very intelligent person to see the interpolations therein.

2) While the Qur'aan is printed in the original language in which it was revealed, the language of Hadhrat Isa A. S. is not used in the Bible. The language spoken by Hadhrat Isa A. S. was " Ibrani ", which is no longer a spoken language. This also indicates strongly to any seeker of the truth, that Christianity was meant for a certain group of people only.

3) There are only two statements in the present day bibles which are in the original language and they are the following:-

a) " Taking her hand, he said to her " TAL 'ITHA CU'MI " which means, "little girl, I say to you, arise . " (Mark 5/41).

This statement is certainly not sufficient to prove any law or to give much spiritual direction to the whole of mankind.

b) " at about the ninth hour, Jesus cried in a loud voice," ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACH - THANI ? " which means " My God, My God, Why hast Thou forsaken me ?" (Mathew 27/47).

4) Two interesting facts emerge from the above. One is that a whole new way of life cannot be taught from the above only. Secondly, if as the Christians believe, Jesus is the lord , then it shows a weakness in a Divine being to call upon anyone else and even to feel the human weakness of distress and forsakenness . Alhamdulillah (Praise be to Allaah)!, Muslims do not have such misbeliefs regarding this pious prophet of Allaah .

5) The words of the Qur'aan have NOT become dead through the years since it is used daily in prayer and no alteration whatsoever has taken place in the Lofty Qur'aan.

6) Thousands of Muslims, young and old,in fact even the blind have learnt it verbatim - (word for word).

7) Any Christian person who sincerely wishes to see the connection and indeed the continuation between the Bible and the Qur'aan should endeavour to find what has been written in the dead sea scrolls, for there was time when the authorities in charge of the Bible saw fit to remove many parts of the Bible which are of great relevance today and which direct clearly towards the right path.

Why this was done is not understood. It may have been that people feared to lose power over the people or, at the thought of having an Arab as a prophet instead of a Jew. There may have been many other agendas which it is not our intention to deal with in this present publication.

What we wish to draw to the attention of the reader is, why should you remain in the dark because someone before you, inadvertently or through some sinister plot,concealed that which was meant for you as a guide to what is good for you today.

8) The Bible today has clearly been tempered with and any upright father will certainly not read certain passages to his children if he wished them any moral success or direction in this world. These passages have been compiled in a book called 'The X- Rated Bible' .We do not intend to repeat the blasphemous verses contained therein because they can certainly not be the Word of Allaah or the beloved prophet Jesus (A. S.). Our only concern is about the source of this information and that many people consider it Divine.

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT THUS FAR :-

1) The Qur'aan is one of the miracles of the All - Mighty to mankind.
2) The Qur'aan has not been tempered with .
3) Every other scripture has undergone changes. The bible is admittedly not the word of Allaah but the writ of the disciples and this too has undergone such tremendous change that it takes not a very intelligent person to see the interpolations therein.

DEEN IS PERFECT AND TOTAL .

All the prophets which have come and gone, called the people towards basically three things:-

a) The Tauheed (oneness) of Allaah - that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah.

b) To accept the prophets that came to them preaching, the Oneness of Allaah,as messengers of Allaah.

c) To believe in the Hereafter (in life after death,the Day of accountability, Jannat (heaven) and Jahannam (Hell).

The outstanding aspect of Islaam is that, besides emphasising the importance of the above, it is complete in every aspect. All the laws are expounded in detail, whether they pertain to the social, political or the economical aspect of life. How to worship ; when to worship; how to develop a good character ; how to deal in our day to day transactions etc.

The very amount of detail given as to how one should, for example pray proves that it was meant to be understood by all people and to be practised by all as well . The laws of what is essential in prayer; what is praiseworthy though not essential ;what is to be avoided ; what should clearly be abstained from ; and what is obligatory, leaves no doubt in the mind of the practiser.

From our obligations to Allaah to the laws relating to our social interactions ; our rights unto others and their rights unto us ; the laws of divorce marriage and even the laws which pertain to the sharing of our estate after our demise, right down to the last decimal fraction, has been specified in such explicitly beautiful detail which just cannot be the work of man . All these important details are contained in the thirty chapters,, six thousand six hundred and sixty six verses and a hundred and fourteen chapters of the Glorious Qur'aan.

The Deen (way of life) of has been perfected with the coming of Muhammad (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam). Other Prophets came and were given laws which were specific for that particular time or era. Sometimes the law given to one prophet was adopted by another totally as it was . At other times, according to the Divine Wisdom of Allaah, the laws were either abrogated or repealed and different laws added . Finally, He sent Muhammad (S. A. W.),as the final prophet with the Total Complete Deen of Islaam .

As stated in the Qur'aan:-

"Today I have perfected your Deen for you and completed my favour upon you and chosen Al Islaam as your Deen. " (5/3).
This totality and wholesomeness can clearly be seen by any thinking person in the minute detail which is contained in the laws of life as prescribed by Islaam. Such clarity, wisdom and elucidation have never been witnessed in any religion as distinctly as is illustrated in Islaam. The only reason for this all-encompassing code of conduct has to be that it is Divine, for man COULD NEVER have forseen every eventuality as clearly as Allaah has. The attention paid to every detail in this beautiful code also strengthens the proof that it HAD to be for the whole of mankind. Both Ilm (knowledge) and Amal (action) have reached the height of perfection in Islaam .

THE LAST AND THE FINAL RASUL .

Whenever a machine is created by man, he inevitably prints an instruction manual for the effective and optimum use of that machine. In the event of anyone not grasping any aspect of it's use from the manual, he sends out a person who has the training in that particular product to further elucidate the instruction manual to it's user.

Similarly,Allaah has revealed the Qur'aan to Muhammed (S. A.W). In it are laws as to how man should conduct himself to reach the highest spiritual stage he can, or at least a stage which makes his existence on earth helpful to society and to the people he meets. Also, it teaches man to realise who His maker is and to behave according to the mental superiority granted to him by his Creator. The perfection and clarity of this beautiful faith reached the height of correct understanding through the FINAL and UNIVERSAL messenger, who was sent for the perfection of noble conduct .

As expressed in the Lofty Qur'aan :-

1) " Indeed, in the Messenger (Rasul) you have a noble pattern of conduct. " (33/21)

2) " Muhammad is not the father of any man, but he is the Rasul (messenger) of Allaah and the **Last** of the Ambiyaa (Prophets). (33/40).

3) " We have sent you (Muhammad) as a messenger to mankind and Allaah is sufficient as a witness. " (4/79).

4) " He (Allaah) it is Who sent down clear revelations unto His bondsman (Muhammad), that he may remove you from darkness into light,and Lo, for you Allaah is full of Piety, Merciful. " (57/9).

5) " He it is who has sent His messenger with the Guidance and the Deen (religion) of Truth and He made it prevail over all religions. " (48/28).

6) And Muhammad (S. A. W.) HIMSELF SAYS :-

" Allaah has dispensed you of all things (needed for the Guidance to the path of righteousness) by means of Islaam and Muhammad. " (Bukhaari 'Kitaabul I'tisaam bi al Kitaab wa al Sunnah).

When Hadhrat Ayesha (R. A.) was questioned about the character of Nabi Muhammad (S. A. W.), she replied, "The Qur'aan. ".

Muhammad (S. A. W.) himself states :-

1) " There were apostles who led the sons of Israel to the path of righteousness. Whenever any prophet passed on, he was succeeded by another . But **no prophet will come after me. "** **(Bukhaari** : Kitabul Munaqib.).

2) " I am Prophet Muhammad who can neither read nor write . (he repeated these words three times) and **there is no Ummah (following) after my Ummah (following)**. (Baihaqi - Kitab-ur-Ruya.).

3) " I am sent unto mankind to **perfect** noble conduct. "

4) " My relation to the (long chain of) prophets (can be understood by) a parable of a palace. The palace was most beautifully built, superb and fine .There was left,however, the space of a brick . The people went around the palace and asked in amazement , " Why is it that this space was not filled up . " I filled this gap and I am the last of the prophets ".
(Bukhaari.Kitaabul - Manaqib)

When anything is complete and perfect, then it stands to reason that there is no need for improvement or continuation . While the previous prophets (Upon all be peace), all brought perfect laws for their particular times, Muhammad (S. A. W) was sent with laws which are not only perfect for the era in which he lived, but for all times .
Compared to this there are only two prayers to be found in the Bible.

1) " Our Father,Who art in Heaven. . . . . But deliver us from evil. " (Mathew 6/9 - 13).
AND

2) " My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. " (Mathew 26/39).

Islaam, on the other hand is detailed and explicit,as Allaah says :-

1) " Lo, Deen (religion) with Allaah is Al-Islaam. (13/19).

2) " Lo, this,your Deen (religion) is one Deen and I am your Rabb (Sustainer) so keep your duty unto me. " (23/52).

3) " We have made a religious law, open and for every one of you" (5/48).
While the Qur'aan commands us to be practical, the present bible urges us to do some fairly irrational actions. The bible today (i. e. after it was tempered with) teaches us :-

1) " You have heard that it was said,"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. ",but I say to you, do not resist one who is evil. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also, and if anyone would see you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well, and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. " (MATHEW 5/38 - 41).

This law of not having to resist evil, in fact to help evil in committing the next act of evil, justifies many other crimes such as adultery, fornication, rape, child abuse, looting and even murder.

2) " Give unto God what is God's and Caesar what is Caesar's". (Mathew 22/15 - 22)

This law helped the evil governments of the day draw a distinct line between religion and the state, thus absolving the powers that were to do whatever they wanted, even if it meant changing the very word of God.

3) The biblical definition of those who have faith is also very confusing " And these signs will accompany those who believe. In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents,and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them. They will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover". (MARK 16/16 - 17 - 18 - 19).

This definition leaves indeed very few, if any, people who with faith in the world. But assuming this verse was meant for the very, very, very pious only. Let us take a look at the following:-

" For truly I (Jesus) say to you, if you have faith as much as A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, you will say to this mountain 'move from here to there', and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you. " (MATHEW 17/20 - 21).

At another place it is stated:-

" And the Lord stated :-'If you had faith, AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, you say to this sycamine tree, 'be rooted up and planted in the sea ' and it would obey you '. "

These verses are actually blasphemous if one believes that Jesus was crucified, for they imply that he had not an ounce of faith to remove himself from the cross,let alone move a mountain from one place to another,or even a tree.

CLARIFICATION OF A WIDESPREAD MISCONCEPTION .

ANTI - CHRIST.

Muslims are pro - Christ and not anti-Christ, as a lot of propaganda these days tries to make-belief . In fact Muslims believe that all the previous prophets were God-sent (sent by Allaah) . The difference is that while the previous prophets did not come with the complete set of rules, Muhammad (S. A. W.) did do so as stated by Allaah in the Qur'aan :-

"Today I have perfected your Deen for you and completed my favour upon you and chosen Al Islaam as your Deen. " (5/3).

Let the true seeker of Truth question himself as to whether he would accept the truth no matter who it came from - or will he only accept that which he had grown up to believe - or was brainwashed to believe was the truth. For it is only by looking at Islaam through clear eyes - untainted by any preconceived notions - that the beauty and the light of this complete faith, religion and indeed this way of life will shine through.

AFRAID OF ACCEPTING ISLAAM ?

What is to follow may not be very comfortable, but it may, depending on the sincerity of the reader, jolt one into action and out of that cosy nook of complacency. Isn't it time to question oneself as to the reason for this complacency.

Could it be that the only reason for refusing to accept Islaaam is the fear of responsiblity. Many people praise Islaam and show a great appreciation for it's simplicity and practicality and the reduction of the crime rate in countries where it's laws are implemented. Accepting Islaam is quite another matter. Because when one accepts any doctrine which allows a lax and free way of life one does not have to make a commitment of any sort. This allows one to enjoy whatever one can and walk around feeling smug all the time. This is also the reason why people choose to live together instead of getting married. The fear of responsibility and of having to commit oneself.

Isn't it time that you began committing yourself to the very One who gave you the ability to think and distinguish between right and wrong.. Isn't it time you start following what you know to be correct with conviction and courage. The first step is not always easy. The discomfort of having to leave old ways is always disconcerting. But nothing can be so precious that it cannot be given up for this Divinely guided way of life which, deep down, you know is the CORRECT and the ONLY way.

CONCLUSION

Not much need be mentioned further but to close with the words of Allaah as explained in Ibn-e-Kathir :-

Allaah says :-

" Today I have perfected your Deen for you and completed my favour upon you and chosen Al Islaam as your Deen. " (5/3).

" It is the most valuable bounty of the Rabb (Allaah), on the Ummah (nation) that He has perfected the Deen (religion), Thus the Ummah of Islaam neither stands in need of any other religion besides Islaam, nor any other prophet besides Muhammad (S. A. W.) . This is why prophet Muhammad (S. A. W.) was raised as the last and universal messenger for the guidance of the whole human race . " (Ibnal Kathir. Tafseer Al - Qur'aan - al - Azeem. Vol. 2 pg. 12.)

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SURAH FATHIA

In the name of Allaah, the Most Beneficicent, the Most Merciful.

1. All Praise be to Allaah, The Rabb (Creator, Nourisher-Sustainer) of the entire Universe. 2. The Most Merciful, The Most Merciful.
3. Owner of the Day of Qiyamaat (Judgement, Accountability etc.)
4. You alone we worship and You alone we seek for help.
5. Show us the straight path.

6. The path of those whom You have favoured,
7. Not (the path) of those who earn Your anger (wrath) nor of those who go astray.

Ameen

SURAH IKHLAS

(Declaration of Allaah's Unity)

In the name of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful.

1. Say,He is Allaah,the Only One (To be worshipped).
2. Allaah the Eternal,
3. He begets not nor is He begotten.
4. None is equal to Him.

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